

Attendance

Board Members <i>Public Members</i>	Carolyn Graham, Chair	Annette Trimbee, President and Vice-Chancellor
	Linda Banister	Victor Cui
	Sandra Haskins	Reg Joseph
	Julian Martin	Cynthia Onyegbula
	John Stelter	Brittany Baltimore
	Martin Kennedy	
<i>Chancellor</i>	Anthony Fields	
<i>Academic Staff Members</i>	Lucio Gelmini	
<i>Alumni Representatives</i>	Scott Kashuba, Vice Chair	Tracy Sopkow
<i>Student Members</i>	Gabriel Ambutong	
Resource Members and Guests	Craig Monk, Provost & Vice-President, Academic	
	Maureen Lomas, Vice-President Finance and Administration & CFO	
	Lara McClelland, Vice-President University Relations	
	Jason Fung, General Counsel	
	Jason Cobb, Chief of Staff	
Office of University Governance	Sumiko Yip, University Secretary	
	Marco Turlione, Governance Officer, and Recording Secretary	
	Agata Biela, Governance Coordinator	
	Christian Zukowski, Governance Coordinator	
	Leah Stock, Governance Coordinator	
Absent with Regrets	Adam Guiney	Rafat Alam

PRESENTER FOR AGENDA ITEM

Name	Agenda Item
N/A	N/A

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1.0	Call to Order
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:09 pm, noting that quorum was present.
1.1	Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)
	No conflicts were declared.
1.2	Open and Consent Agenda (MOTION)
	MOTION#BOG-01-06-13-2023/24: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the open and consent agenda as presented.
	Motion Carried.

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	<p>*The consent agenda included the minutes from the meeting on March 21, 2024, and the Annual Trust Transfer Agreement, for approval; and the Board Correspondence Report, for information.</p>
2.0	Reports
2.1	Board Chair's Report <p>The Chair reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed M. Kennedy and B. Baltimore as new members of the Board of Governors. • The Board is awaiting ministerial orders for T. Barker of the MacEwan Staff Association and J. La Torre, of the Students' Association of MacEwan. • Announced that R. Joseph has been reappointed for a second three-year term as a public member. • Thanked members of the Presidential Reappointment Committee and noted the importance of its work to MacEwan's collective mission of excellence and growth. • The Minister toured MacEwan on April 16, 2024. Members attended a breakfast reception along with many community members. The tour showcased what makes MacEwan special, unique learning experiences, and community connections. • Premier Smith visited MacEwan for a fireside chat on May 14, 2024. The topic was on real estate and discussion focused on opportunities for partnership between the real estate sector and the Province. • Convocation will occur the week following the Board meeting and will include six ceremonies over three days.
2.2	President's Report <p>A. Trimbee reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with the Province on regulation and design for Bills 13 and 18 with impacts of Bill 18 on federal funding being important. • Enrolment has grown by 13% and MacEwan is also growing as an institution. The use of technology and Spring and Summer courses are being considered to accommodate growth. These measures align with the strategic direction of Smash the Calendar. • Ongoing commitment to work with the private sector on affordable housing, particularly with the city and other post-secondary institutions growing. A Request for Information was released, and the intent is to evaluate how to work with partners in the fall.
2.3	General Faculties Council Report <p>A. Trimbee reported on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Faculties Council (GFC) has met twice since the last Board meeting. • GFC delegated authority of certain policies and procedures to its standing committees but emphasized that some items remain with the Council and that committees have the discretion to refer items to the Council for consideration.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasized the growth of the Council since its inception and indicated the granting of audit status from the Campus Alberta Quality Council. GFC approved a proposal to restructure departments in the Faculty of Nursing intended to enhance organization, support students, and facilitate decision-making. The Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity was renewed for a second five-year term. Milestones for the Centre have included supporting student employment and leadership and fundraising development. The Centre is looking to explore cross-faculty appointments, health research, and course creation in its second term.
2.4	Audit and Risk Committee Chair's Report J. Stelter reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the prior Committee meeting, the University's financial statements were recommended to the Board for approval. The statements were approved at special Board meeting. The financial statements of the Grant MacEwan University Foundation were also reviewed and were presented at the Foundation's annual general meeting.
2.5	Governance and Human Resources Committee Chair's Report T. Sopkow reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee did not meet in open session and there is nothing to report.:
2.6	Foundation Board of Directors' Report S. Haskins reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Transfer Agreement was reviewed. The Foundation received a report on the Foundation's Return on Investment indicating a favourable trend of 20-25%, which is on target and aligned with the prior year. The Alumni and Development Report was reviewed with continued progress in fundraising results and efforts.
2.7	Finance, Property and Investment Committee Chair's Report S. Haskins reported on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Committee approved the Investment Management Agreement and Financial Plan.
2.7.1	2024/25 Investment Management Agreement Targets (MOTION) MOTION#BOG-02-06-13-2023/24: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2024/25 Investment Management Agreement. Motion Carried. M. Lomas presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2024/25 targets complete the third year of the current three-year Investment Management Agreement.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Investment Management Agreement sets performance metrics that places a portion of the operating grant at risk if not achieved. For 2023/24 25% of funding was at risk and 40% will be at risk for 2024/25. The University has more control over areas such as work-integrated learning and administrative expenses and to date, no adjustments have been made to MacEwan's grant and target thresholds have been achieved. Graduate outcomes have always been positive. The next survey is the first that will be completed following the COVID-19 pandemic. Post-secondary institutions have requested a 10% variance, and that the Ministry has indicated there is flexibility in the event of sector-wide impacts. Administrative expense outcomes have remained consistent for a few years and significant changes would be needed to put the metric at risk. The weight of work-integrated learning allows for new programs to be designed with work-integrated learning built-in. There is a challenge for programs where it is not practical to include a work-integrated component.
	2.7.2	2024/25 to 2026/27 Financial Plan (MOTION)	
		MOTION#BOG-03-06-13-2023/24: Moved by V. Cui and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2024/25 to 2026/27 Financial Plan. Motion Carried.	
		S. Haskins presented the item. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A three-year financial plan is a government requirement and was previously presented with the budget. This is now separated to provide an opportunity to consider how budget assumptions align with the strategic vision. The current iteration is expected to be the last plan to demonstrate incremental growth, as the 2027/28 plan will account for the opening of the School of Business Building. The plan includes the net addition of fifty new academic positions each year to match growth with some growth occurring on the administrative side. The provincial budget indicated that post-secondary institutions will be expected to rely less on operating grants. Currently, enrolment growth positions MacEwan ahead of the curve, but a sustainable funding model is still needed. 	
	2.8	Strategy and Stakeholder Relations Committee Chair's Report	
	2.8.1	2023/24 Annual Report (MOTION)	
		MOTION#BOG-04-06-13-2023/24: Moved by J. Martin and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the 2023/24 Annual Report for submission to the Minister of Advanced Education in accordance with the Post-secondary Learning Act. Motion Carried.	
		R. Joseph presented the item. Highlights included:	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Annual Report is part of how the provincial government maintains accountability over post-secondary institutions. The format is set by the government but discussions are ongoing on modifications to be more specific to what the government is asking for. • The audited financial statements are also included. • The language in the report is being shifted to match the strategic vision and include details on work in academic affairs.
	2.8.2	Annual Update: Strategic Dashboard Measures	
			<p>R. Joseph presented the item. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board approved the Dashboard as a tool to demonstrate progress on Teaching Greatness. Metrics were developed for the strategic vision that MacEwan can influence. • The Dashboard includes midway and ten-year metrics and presents how results look at a point in time. • The Dashboard includes some progress reporting for the Province but is also intended for the internal community. More outcomes will be achieved alongside the School of Business Building. • The Dashboard is published on MacEwan's website and shared with the community for accountability. This is also achieved through the President's annual State of the University report.
3.0	Adjournment of Open Session		
	The Chair wished MacEwan faculty, staff, and students a good summer break and adjourned the Open Session at 4:56 pm.		